

Remarks on some South African Cleridae in the British Museum.

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Gyponyx nodicollis BOH.

The number of tubercles on the pronotum is 7, as BOHEMAN quite correctly states, and not 6, as SCHENKLING says (Ann. S. Afr. Mus. V⁴, 1907, p. 199). The two foremost transversal rows consist of 2 each, the basal one of 3.

In a series in the B. M., all from Port St. John, Pondoland, IX, X, XI & XII, 1923, R. E. TURNER leg., the four black spots on the elytra show considerable variation in size. In some specimens the subapical spots disappear, in others the submedian spots too, so that the elytra appear altogether testaceous. Additional spots do not occur in this series. The length of the specimens varies from $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $8\frac{1}{4}$ mm.

Gyponyx prasinus n. sp.

Brunneus, nitidus, flavopilosus, antennis, coxis cum basi femorum, corpore subtus testaceis. Prothorace tuberculato ut in *G. nodicollis* BOH. Elytris prasinis.

Very conspicuous on account of the beautiful, grass-green colour of the elytra. Body covered with fine, long, testaceous hairs. Head dark brown, rugulose, palpi and antennae fulvous. Prothorax brown, on the disk bearing 7 tubercles, arranged as in *G. nodicollis* BOH. Pectus and abdomen of a more or less reddish yellow. Scutellum brown.

Elytra grass-green, at the extreme margin in some specimens very feebly dotted with dark brown, at scutellum a short, longitudinal impression, common to both elytra. A few longitudinal rows of punctures, which do not extend beyond half way the apex. Legs slender, brown (in apparently somewhat immature specimens light brown); coxae, bases of femora, knees and tarsi yellow.

Length 8— $10\frac{1}{2}$ mm.

A small series from Port St. John, Pondoland, IX, X & XII, 1923, R. E. TURNER leg.

Type in B. M., Paratypes in B. M. and in Zoological Museum, Amsterdam.

Allied to *G. nodicollis* BOH.

***Thriocera pectoralis* KL., var. nov. *Turneri*.**

A series from Port St. John, Pondoland, IX, X, XI & XII, 1923, R. E. TURNER leg., shows a remarkable variation. Whereas all the varieties named before present a more or less pronounced reduction of the red markings on the elytra, in this series the red colour is considerably increased. It occupies the whole basal half of the elytra, up to the transverse white, pubescent fascia, the suture and the apical part, so that the black colour on the elytra is reduced to a transverse fascia, interrupted by the red suture and in front touching the white narrow fascia.

Length $3\frac{1}{4}$ —6 mm.

Type in B. M., Paratypes in B. M. and in Zoological Museum, Amsterdam.
